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SUBJ: DEA TRAINING SCHOOL IN TUNIS JUNE 3 TO 7

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1. HARDIN'S VISIT APRIL 3 SUCCESSFUL IN MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBJECT TRAINING. HOWEVER, GOT JUDICIAL POLICE (MAIN DRUG CONTROL FORCE IN TUNISIA) WERE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT COURSE WOULD INCLUDE MORE ON SOCIAL ASPECTS (PREVENTION, REHABILITATION) OF DRUG ABUSE INSTEAD OF EMPHASIZING IDENTIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT. HARDIN AND EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT DEA RESPONSIBILITIES CONCENTRATED IN THESE LAST TWO AREAS AND SUBJECT COURSE DESIGNED FOR POLICE AND AGENTS DEALING DIRECTLY WITH NARCOTICS.

2. JUDICIAL POLICE OFFICIALS UNDERSTOOD THIS AND ARE PLEASED WITH COURSE CONTENT. HOWEVER THEY STILL DESIRE SESSION ON SOCIAL ASPECTS OF DRUG ABUSE. POSSIBILITY ENVISAGED SUBJECT DEA COURSE BEING "FIRST PART" OF PROGRAM AND AFTER COMPLETING COURSE JUNE 7 DEA TRAINING TEAM WOULD DEPART. JUDICIAL POLICE WOULD THEN SCHEDULE AS "SECOND PART" OF PRGRAM SEMINAR DEALING WITH SOCIAL ASPECTS

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OF DRUG ABUSE (JUNE 10-11). THUS JUDICIAL POLICE RE-

QUEST EXPERT FROM WASHINGTON CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH THESE SUBJECTS IN FRENCH. EMBOFF PROMISED TO INFORM WASHINGTON OF REQUEST AND SEEK ADVICE.

3. EMBASSY AND DEA PARIS (MARIA) THINK THAT DEA SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET JUDICIAL POLICE REQUEST. FACT THAT GOT INITIATED REQUEST IN ITSELF POSITIVE. FURTHER MORE SEMINAR WOULD INCLUDE OFFICIALS FROM WIDE RANGE OF GOT MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN FIELDS SUCH AS HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND THUS PRESENTS OPPORTUNITY TO REACH WIDE INFLUENTIAL AUDIENCE IN NARCOTICS AREA. EMBASSY AND MARIA OF OPINION THAT IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT TUNISIA DOES NOT PRESENTLY HAVE DRUG PROBLEM AN EXPERT FROM AREA OF PREVENTION AND EDUCATION WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. PRESUMABLY HE WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO DISCUSSION IN OTHER AREAS SUCH AS REHABILITATION.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST REPLY REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF MEETING THIS REQUEST SO WE CAN INFORM JUDICIAL POLICE AND ENABLE THEM TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.
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